

## **Overview of the Certificate**

This image is a certificate for the United States Kenpo Karate Academy. It appears to be a template used to confer ranks within Kenpo Karate, a martial art. The certificate is decorated with traditional Eastern motifs, including dragons and tigers, which are commonly associated with martial arts symbolism.

## **Key Features**

## Issuing Organization

United States Kenpo Karate Academy

## Recipient

The name highlighted is Caglar Juan Singletary.

### Rank Conferred

The certificate states:

o "The rank of: 10th DAN"

#### Levels Indicated

o 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th *BLACKBELT* 

### Date Issued

o "12/13/1984"

#### Endorsers

- o William David 9th Black (Signature at bottom left)
- The area titled "Dale Gibson, USKKA School Code" (bottom right) appears to contain a signature and verification information.

## Design Elements

- o Images of dragons and tigers
- o Kenpo Karate Academy's logo, stylized K, and crossed martial arts belts

o Sections with stylized calligraphy (likely Japanese or Chinese, which is typical for martial arts certificates)

# Interpretation

## Purpose:

This certificate is used for acknowledging and validating the recipient's mastery and ranking in Kenpo Karate, specifically awarding a high-level black belt status (10th DAN), which represents an advanced position in martial arts hierarchy.

#### Format:

The template shows placeholders like "Your Name Here" and "Your Rank Here," suggesting it is a customizable form, though it is filled in with the name Caglar Juan Singletary for the 10th DAN black belt.

## • Cultural/Traditional Significance:

The illustrations and calligraphy add ceremonial gravity, signifying respect for martial arts traditions.

### **Potential Uses**

- · Official recognition for martial arts achievement
- Display in a dojo or personal collection
- Validation of rank for competitions or instruction

## **Notable Details**

- The presence of all black belt levels on the certificate suggests it could be used for any black belt DAN promotion by changing the rank and name accordingly.
- The date (12/13/1984) may signify issuance or the founding date of the institution or an important event in its history.
- The certificate contains both Western and Eastern design influences, reflecting the international aspect of martial arts practice.

If you need verification of this certificate's authenticity or wish to check its accreditation, you should contact the United States Kenpo Karate Academy or the endorsers listed on the document.

# What rank is he?

He holds the rank of 10th DAN black belt in Kenpo Karate.

